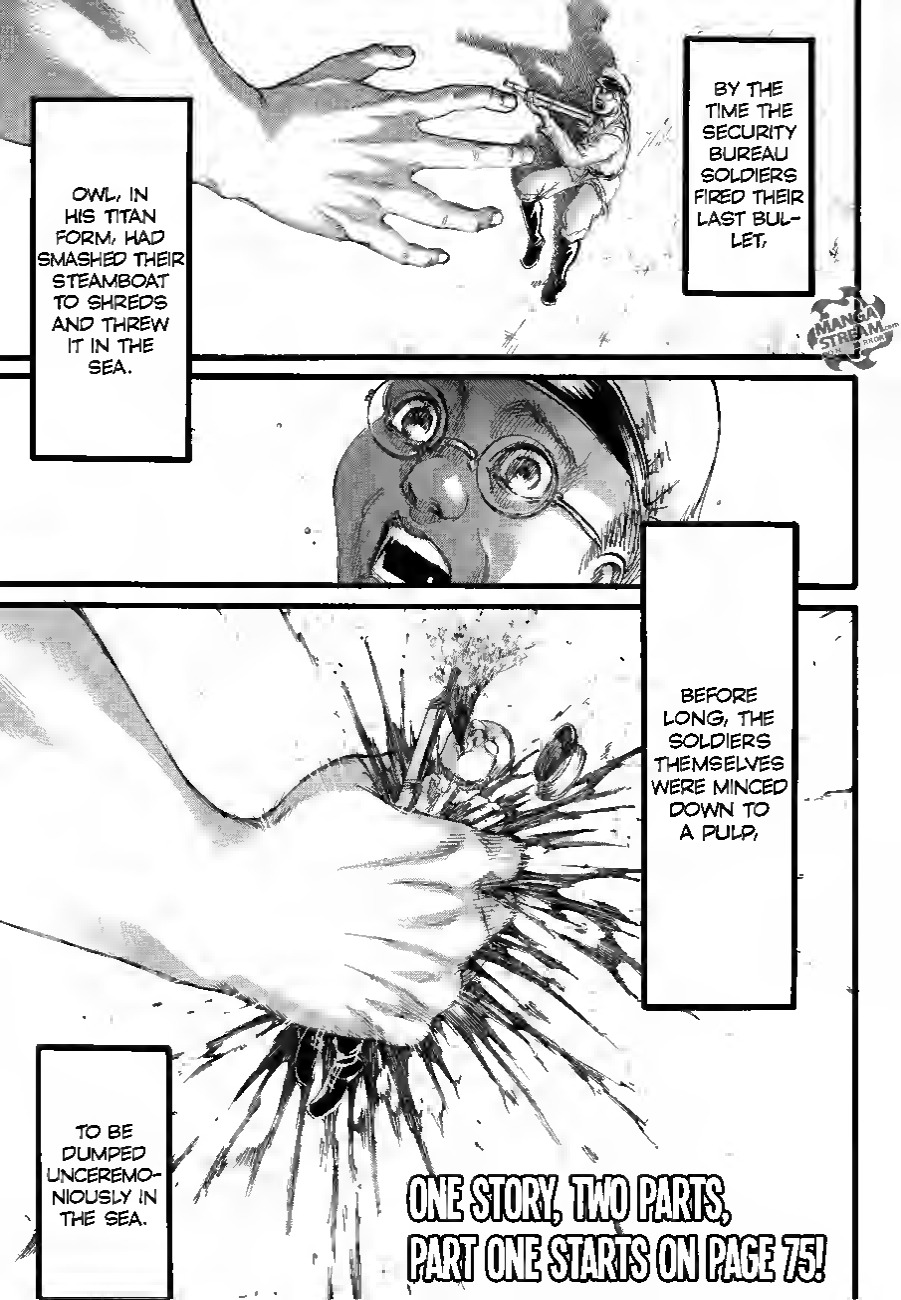
BY THE TIME THE SECURITY BUREAU SOLDIERS FIRED THEIR LAST BULLET,
OWL, IN HIS TITAN FORM, HAD SMASHED THEIR STEAMBOAT TO SHREDS AND THREW IT IN THE SEA.
BEFORE LONG, THE SOLDIERS THEMSELVES WERE MINCED DOWN TO A PULP,
TO BE DUMPED UNCEREMONIOUSLY IN THE SEA.
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IT MUST BE EXPLAINED EXACTLY WHAT "THE SEA" IS.
THINGS WHICH POSSESS FORM ARE DESTINED TO PERISH. ONLY THAT WHICH HOLDS NO FORM SHALL ENDURE.
THE "SEA" IS THIS GREAT BODY OF SALT WATER THAT COVERS 70 PERCENT OF THE FACE OF THIS EARTH.
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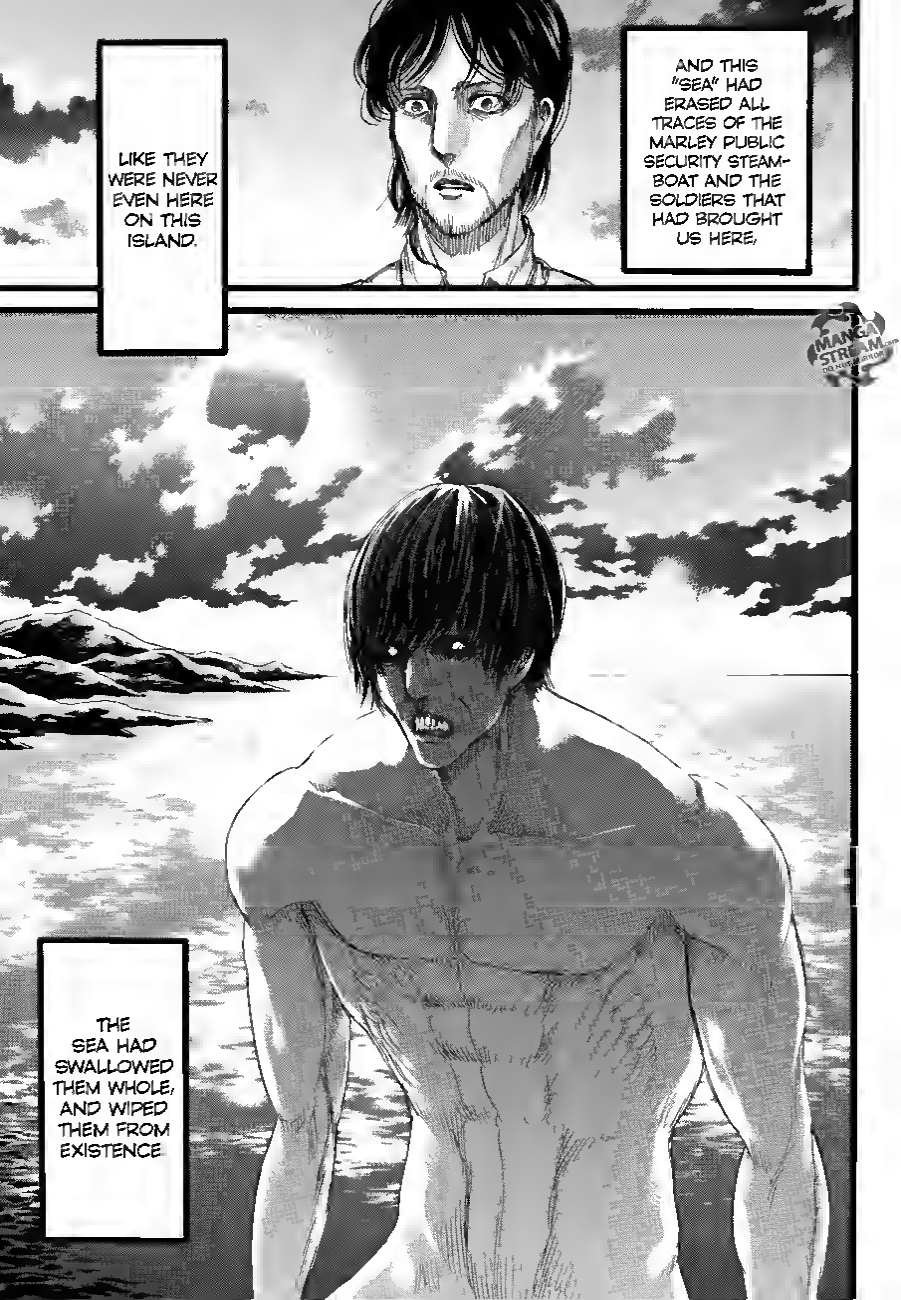
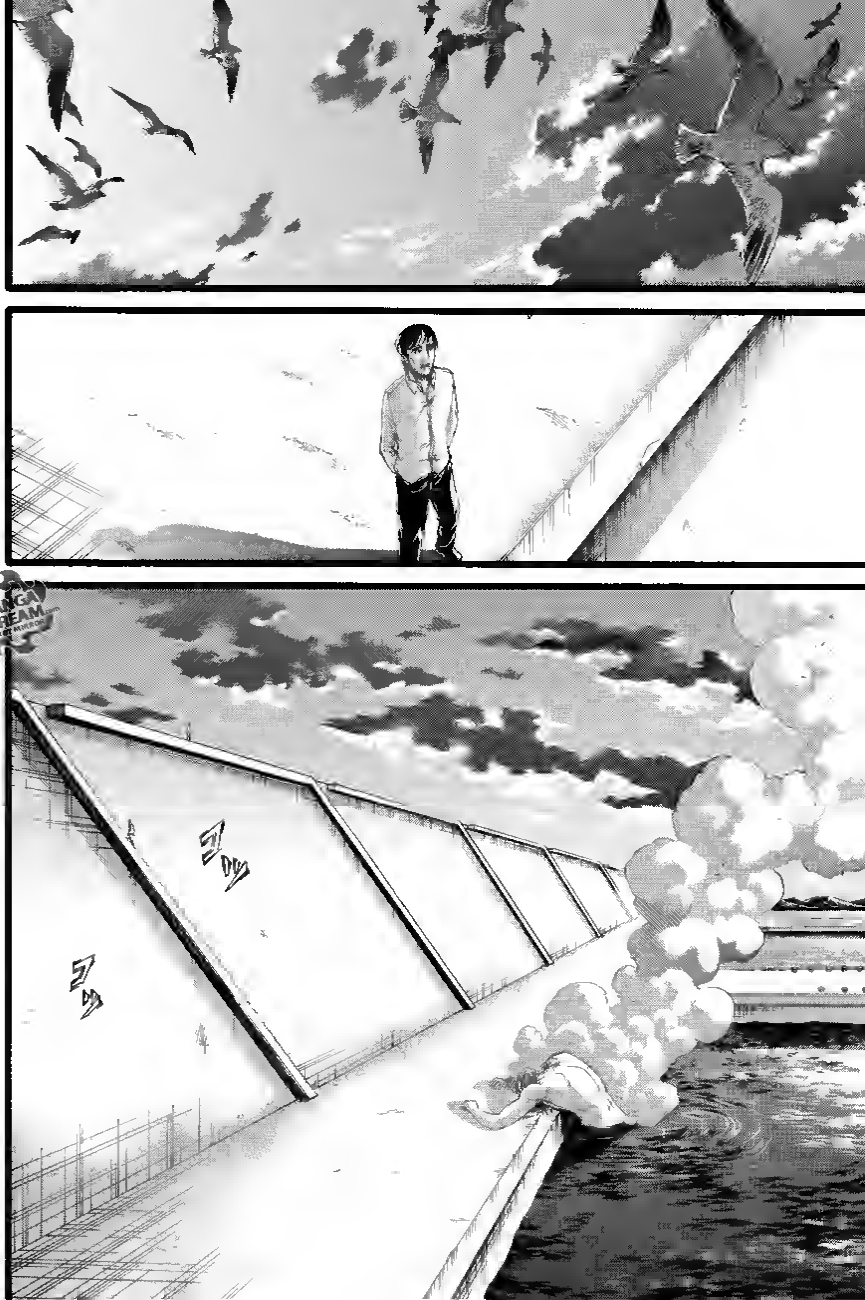
CHAPTER 88: THE ATTACKER TITAN


AND THIS "SEA" HAD ERASED ALL TRACES OF THE MARLEY PUBLIC SECURITY STEAMBOAT AND THE SOLDIERS THAT HAD BROUGHT US HERE.
LIKE THEY WERE NEVER EVEN HERE ON THIS ISLAND.
THE SEA HAD SWALLOWED THEM WHOLE, AND WIPED THEM FROM EXISTENCE.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YOU
HAVE SOME QUESTIONS, I ASSUME?

I JUST DON'T KNOW...
I'M NOT SURE...
WHERE TO START.
I'M SORRY.
BUT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
OWL
WHO ARE YOU?
MANGA STREAM
MY NAME IS EREN KRUGER.
AS I JUST SHOWN YOU, I POSSESS IN MY BODY THE POWER OF ONE OF THE NINE TITANS
IN OTHER WORDS, I'M ONE OF THE PEOPLE OF YMIR, LIKE YOU.

HE WAS ANOTHER ELDIAN PASSING AS A MARLEYAN, AND HAD FORGED MEDICAL RECORDS, TOO.
I HAD A COLLABORATOR, A DOCTOR WHO HELPED ME PASS THE TESTS.
BUT IF YOU DID... THEN HOW DID YOU PASS THE BLOOD TEST?!
YOU PRETENDED TO BE A MARLEYAN, AND INFILTRATED THE RANKS OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU...?
ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, YOU DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB, GRISHA.
AND THEY HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE NEEDED ABOUT TITAN SCIENCE IN ORDER TO PUT TITAN TRANSFORMATION TO PRACTICAL USE
THEY ARE WELL EDUCATED AND HAVE A HIGH SOCIAL STATUS,
DOCTORS ARE WELL SUITED FOR INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, YOU SEE
WHICH COULD HAVE ACTUALLY WORKED, CONSIDERING MY SUPPORT FROM THE BACKGROUND
AND EVENMADE A PLAN TO PREPARE ZEKE TO BECOME A SOLDIER AND MAKE HIM INFILTRATE THE MARLEYAN RANKS.
BORE A CHILD WITH DINA FRITZ,
YOU LED THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE,
UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S AS GRICE HERE LAMENTED
AS FOR THE RESULT...

THAT'S RIGHT
I'M A WORTH-LESS FATHER
A WORTH-LESS HUS-BAND
AND A WORTH-LESS HUMAN BEING
BUT THEN WHY...
AM I THE ONLY ONE LEFT STANDING HERE, STILL HUMAN?

DINA IS...
THOSE WHO BEAR THE ROYAL BLOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF YMIR ARE SPECIAL,
THEY CAN DRAW OUT THE REAL POWER OF THE TITANS
EVEN ELDIAN CHILDREN STUDYING OFF THE WORTHLESS PAGES OF MARLEYAN HISTORY TEXTBOOKS KNOW THAT
WHY DID YOU KEEP THAT INFORMATION SECRET? IF YOU HADN'T...
DINA AT LEAST WOULD HAVE BEEN SPARED FROM BECOMING ONE OF THOSE MINDLESS MONSTERS..
YOU'RE RIGHT
THEN ANSWER ME, OWL !!!
WHY WAS I THE ONLY ONE LEFT ALIVE?!

STOP IT.
YOU'RE HURTING YOUR FINGERS.
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONCERN,
.....
ALTHOUGH YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO CARE MUCH ABOUT FINGERS GETTING CHOPPED OFF BEFORE.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?! ...AND WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG TO USE THAT TITAN FORM, ANYWAY?! IF YOU HAD DONE IT FASTER YOU COULD HAVE SAVED ALL OF THEM!
RIGHT?! WHAT ARE YOU EVEN TRYING TO DO HERE?!
LETTING THEM TURN ALL OF THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT INTO TITANS?! WAS THAT A PART OF THE PLAN, TOO?!

...WHAT'S WRONG?! YOU'RE...
YOU'VE BEEN TURNING PALE SINCE A BIT AGO
IT WASN'T JUST
MY BRETHREN.
!?
I CHOPPED FINGERS OFF ...THOUSANDS OF ELDIANS.
AND TURNED THOUSANDS OF ELDIANS INTO TITANS HERE, ON THIS VERY WALL.
WOMEN AND CHILDREN, TOO.
AND I TRULY BELIEVE THAT IT WAS ALL,
FOR THE SAKE OF ELDIA.

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.
I KNOW WHAT THIS IS
IT'S FINE
ANY-WAY
LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT YOU
GRI-SHA,
I MUST ENTRUST YOU WITH ONE FINAL TASK.
I ENTRUST IT TO YOU, NO ONE ELSE.
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THAT DAY ...THE DAY WE FIRST MET...
IF I HADN'T STOPPED THE TWO OF YOU,
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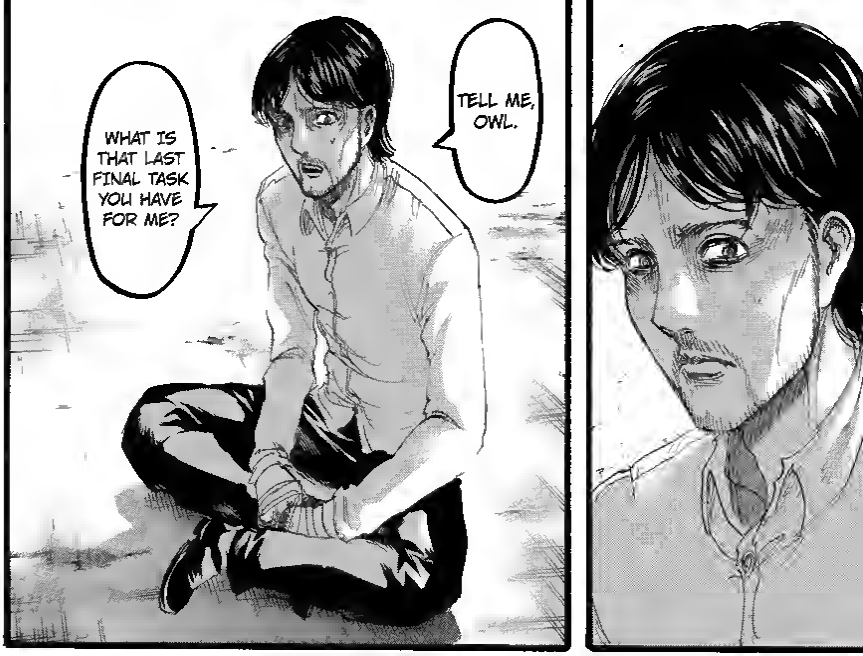
IF YOU HADN'T, I THINK THERE WAS A HIGH CHANCE THAT I WOULD'VE BEEN KILLED ALONG WITH HER, THOUGH...
.....
YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE YOUR SISTER
HELD SUCH A DEEP GRUDGE AGAINST THE MARLEYANS. THIS GRUDGE HAS MADE YOU THE MAN YOU ARE TODAY.
YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER..
BUT IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT IF IT WASN'T FOR WHAT HAPPENED,
THAT'S KIND OF YOU TO SAY.

THE REASON YOU CHOSE ME?
IS THAT...
.....
NOT THE ONLY REASON
THE ENEMY NATION
YOUR FATHER
AND YOURSELF
SHOWED NOTHING BUT A STRONG DESIRE TO BURN THE WORLD TO THE GROUND
ALL THE HATRED THAT REFLECTED IN YOUR EYES...

...
I WAS LIKE THAT TOO, ONCE.
THOSE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY WHO STAYED ON THE CONTINENT HAD FORMED A REVOLUTIONARY ARMY, MY FATHER AMONGST THEM.
BUT THEIR STRUGGLE BORE NO FRUIT,
AND THEY WERE ALL BURNED TO DEATH ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES.
AND I, THEN ONLY A CHILD OVERCOME BY FEAR AND TERROR, COULD DO NOTHING,
BUT WATCH IT HAPPEN THROUGH A CRACK IN THE CLOSET'S DOORS.

I WAS SAVED BY MY FATHER'S FRIEND RIGHT BEFORE MY HOME CRUMBLED IN THE FLAMES
EVER SINCE THEN I'VE BEEN PLANNING MY REVENGE AND SWORE TO FULFILL THE RESTORATION OF THE ELDIAN KINGDOM.
BUT ALL I'VE REALLY BEEN DOING WAS HURTING MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN WHOM I SHOULD HAVE BEEN SAVING CUTTING THEIR FINGERS, RIPPING OFF THEIR SKIN,
KICKING THEM OFF THIS WALL AND TURNING THEM TO MINDLESS TITANS
AND AS A RESULT
I HAVEN'T EXPOSED MY IDENTITY UNTIL TODAY.
...I'M PROBABLY STILL STUCK
STUCK AT THAT TIME...
WHERE I DID NOTHING BUT FEARFULLY HIDE AND WATCH THE WORLD THROUGH A CRACK IN THE DOOR. STILL WATCHING EVEN NOW...



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A POWER YOU WILL INHERIT FROM ME.
AND YOU WILL DO SO BY USING THE POWER TO TITANIZE.
BE EATEN BY YOU AFTER WE TURN YOU INTO A TITAN, YES
IF WE DO THAT, YOU HAVE TO...
WH... WHAT?
.....
WHY CAN'T YOU DO IT?
DO AS I SAY, AND TAKE THE POWER OF THE ORIGINAL TITAN FROM THE ONE WHO CURRENTLY HOLDS IT.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH THE WALLS WITHOUT THE POWER TO TITANIZE.

I'VE KEPT SOME INFORMATION HIDDEN TO KEEP YOUR FIGHTING SPIRITS HIGH.
WHAT I'VE TOLD THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT IS NOT THE ENTIRE EXTENT OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
THOSE WHO INHERIT THE POWERS OF THE NINE TITANS...
DIE WITHIN 13 YEARS
AND IT WILL SOON BE 13 YEARS SINCE THE DAY I INHERITED MY POWERS.
IF I HAD TOLD THE MOVEMENT THAT,
YOU SURELY WOULD HAVE HESITATED TO MAKE ZEKE OR DINA INHERIT THE POWER OF THE ORIGINAL TITAN.

"YMIR'S CURSE".
OWL CALLED IT,
APPARENTLY YMIR, THE ORIGINAL ONE, PASSED AWAY 13 YEARS AFTER FIRST AWAKENING TO HER POWERS, RIGHT DOWN TO THE YEAR AND MONTH, AND THAT IT WAS A VERY APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME TO HOLD THE POWER
NO ONE CAN HOLD A POWER THAT SURPASSES THAT OF THE ANCESTOR YMIR
WHEN THEIR TIME NEARS THEIR BODIES WEAKEN... AND THE VESSEL WILL PERISH AFTER IT HAS FULFILLED ITS PURPOSE.

YEAH
AND THIS IS ANOTHER PIECE OF INFORMATION THAT CAME UP IN BOTH YOUR MEMORIES AND YOUR DAD'S JOURNAL?
THE REISS FAMILY ALSO PASSES DOWN THEIR POWER EVERY 13 YEARS...
SEEMS LIKE THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
SO I HAVE THIRTEEN YEARS LEFT.
AND EREN YOU HAVE...
A LITTLE LESS THAN EIGHT.
NO...
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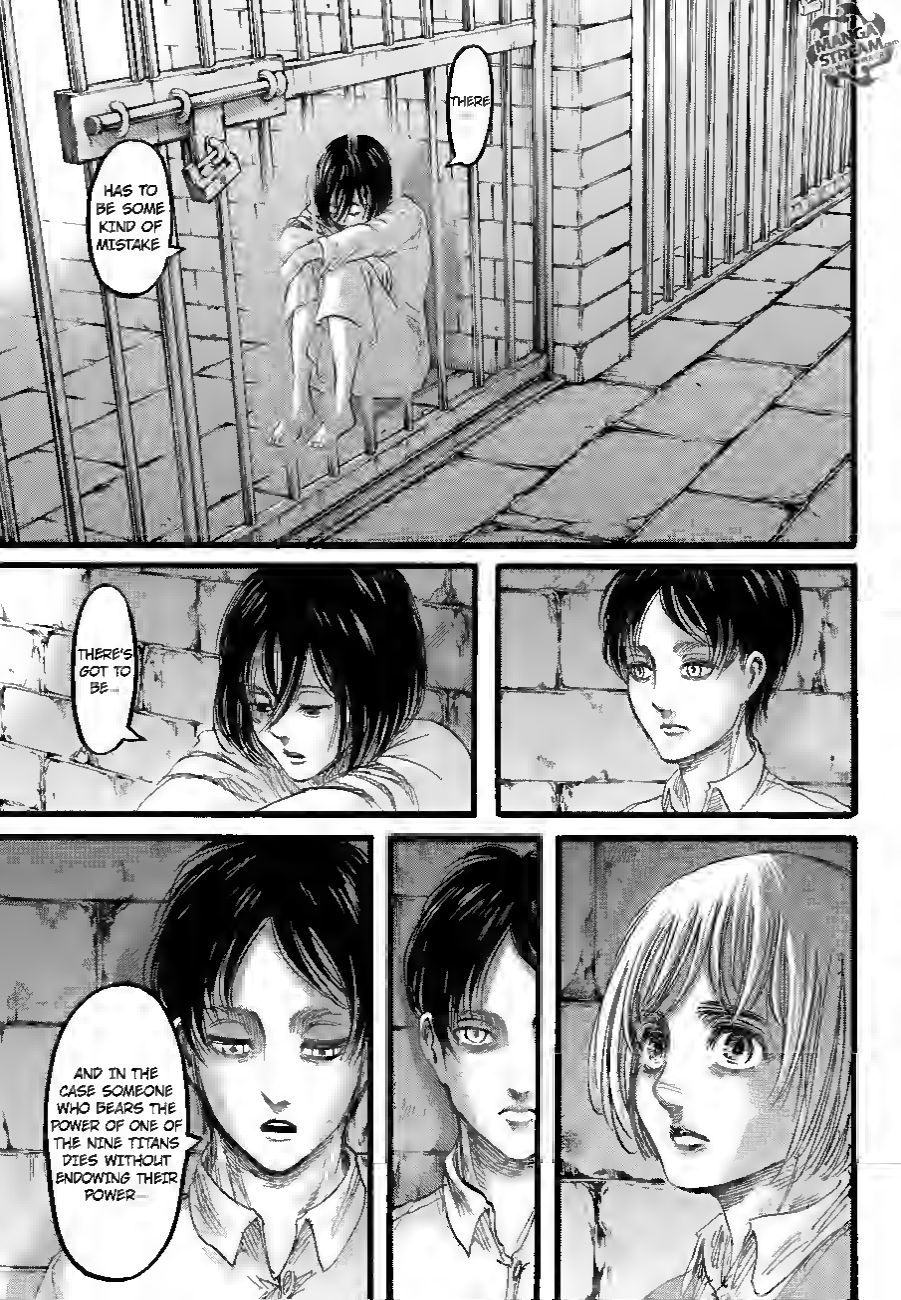
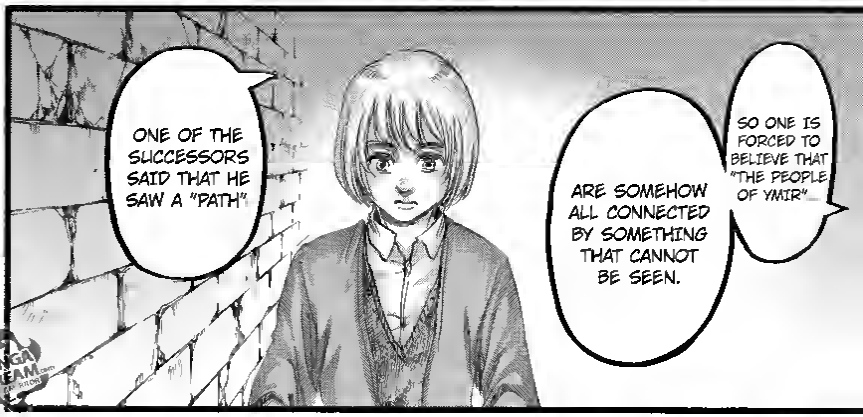
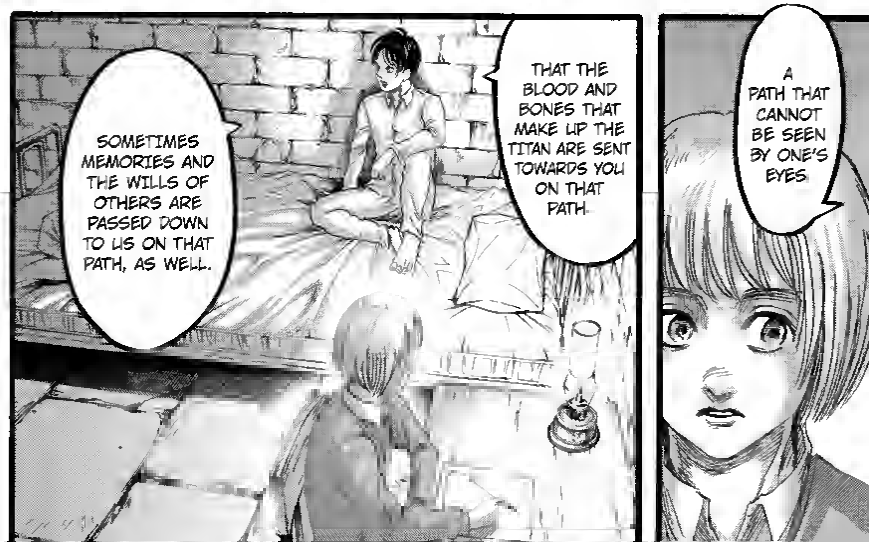

THERE
HAS TO BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE
THERE'S GOT TO BE...
AND IN THE CASE SOMEONE WHO BEARS THE POWER OF ONE OF THE NINE TITANS DIES WITHOUT ENDOWING THEIR POWER...

THE POWER WILL BE PASSED DOWN RANDOMLY TO ANOTHER BABY BORN OF THE PEOPLE OF YMIR,
REGARDLESS OF DISTANCE,
AND REGARDLESS OF BLOOD RELATION TO THE PREVIOUS OWNER


SO ONE IS FORCED TO BELIEVE THAT "THE PEOPLE OF YMIR"...
ARE SOMEHOW ALL CONNECTED BY SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE SEEN.
ONE OF THE SUCCESSORS SAID THAT HE SAW A "PATH".


A PATH THAT CANNOT BE SEEN BY ONE'S EYES.
THAT THE BLOOD AND BONES THAT MAKE UP THE TITAN ARE SENT TOWARDS YOU ON THAT PATH.
SOMETIMES MEMORIES AND THE WILLS OF OTHERS ARE PASSED DOWN TO US ON THAT PATH, AS WELL.

AND THAT ALL OUR PATHS ARE COORDINATED TO CROSS AT THE SAME SPOT.
THAT SPOT BEING...
THE ORIGINAL TITAN.
ALL OF THE TITANS, ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF YMIR, ARE ALL CONNECTED TO THAT SPOT,
BY THESE "PATHS" WHICH TRANSCEND TIME AND SPACE
AT LEAST THAT'S THE NEWEST THEORY TO BE PROPOSED BY THE MARLEYAN GOVERNMENT'S TITAN RESEARCH AGENCY.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT "MAGIC" EXISTS?
THAT IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO OUR ANCESTOR YMIR BEING A WITCH?
WHAT WAS SHE?
UNDER MARLEYAN RULE SHE IS DUBBED AS A SERVANT OF THE DEVIL,
BUT IN THE DAYS OF ELDIAN EMPIRE SHE WAS CALLED "A MIRACLE BESTOWED BY THE GODS."
WERE THE HISTORICAL RECORDS YOU SENT US ALTERED IN ORDER TO "KEEP OUR SPIRITS HIGH," TOO?
WHAT'S THE TRUTH? WHAT'S THE TRUE HISTORY OF YMIR?
.....

WHAT?
OR AT LEAST SO THEY CLAIM.
THAT OUR ANCESTOR YMIR CAME IN CONTACT WITH THE ORIGIN OF ORGANIC LIFE
THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE...
MANGA STREAM
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS "TRUTH" IN THIS WORLD
THAT IS OUR REALITY
ANYONE CAN BECOME A DEVIL OR A GOD,
AS LONG AS OTHERS SUPPORT THEM VERBALLY.
THEY SAY WE'VE BEEN PRACTICING ETHNIC CLEANSING FOR 1700 YEARS. WHAT A JOKE.
THERE WOULDN'T BE A SINGLE MARLEYAN HAIR LEFT ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH IF THAT WAS TRUE.
YOU SAY OUR ANCESTOR YMIR HAD NEVER DONE NOTHING WRONG, AND ONLY BROUGHT WEALTH AND FORTUNE TO THE WORLD.
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE, EITHER. I KNOW HUMANS, AND THERE'S NO WAY A HUMAN BEING COULD BE THAT PERFECT.

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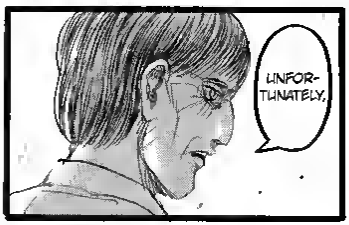
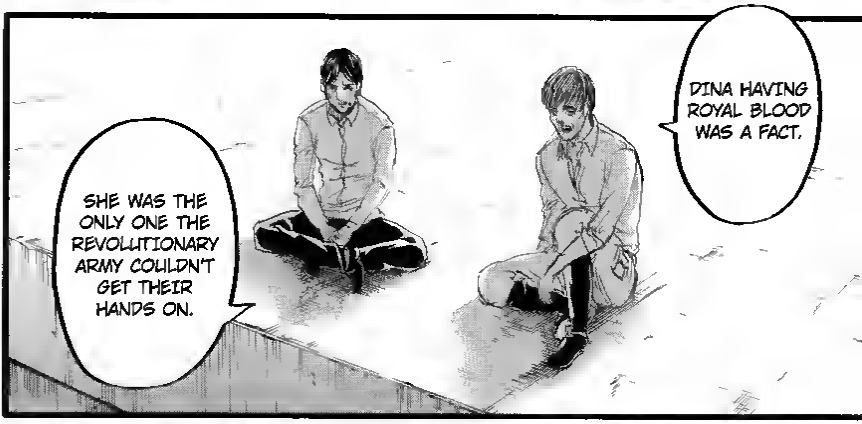




I HAD TO PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM GETTING THEIR HANDS ON HER.
ZEKE IS TELLING THE MARLEYAN EVERYTHING.
ITS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THEY REALIZE HE'S NOT JUST BLABBING CHILDISH NONSENSE.
.....
STILL...
STILL WHAT?
STILL TRY AND LEAVE HER ALIVE SO THAT THE MARLEYAN RULERS COULD FORCE HER TO BEAR THEM CHILD AFTER CHILD FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE? WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN BETTER?
ACTUALLY TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S A BETTER FATE THAN BEING TURNED INTO A MAN EATING MONSTER.
NOT THAT I GOT A CHANCE TO ASK HER PREFERENCES..
BUT CONSIDERING THE ALTERNATIVE...
I THINK I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

AS TO WHY I DIDN'T SAVE THE REST OF OUR COUNTRY-MEN...
THE REASON FOR THAT IS SIMPLE I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER FOR THEM ALL.
FROM HERE ON ONLY ONE WILL COME OUT ALIVE AND MAKE IT TO THE WALL,
AND THAT'LL BE THE PERSON WHO HOLDS THE POWER OF THE TITAN
I CARRIED OUT MY DUTY.
IT'S TIME YOU CARRY OUT YOURS.
TO BE FRANK, I DON'T EVEN THINK I CAN.
ALL I EVER ACCOMPLISHED WAS DESTROYING THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT YOU WORKED SO HARD TO CREATE.
YOU WILL DO IT.

LOOK DOWN THERE.
THE GUY WHO GOT HIS KICKS FROM FEEDING MY SISTER TO THE DOGS
JUST DIED GETTING EATEN ALIVE BY A TITAN.
I GOT MY REVENGE. THERE WAS NOTHING I WANTED MORE THAN THIS.
YOU ASKED ME IF I FOUND IT AMUSING.

I DID NOT.
JUST LISTENING TO HIM DIE IN SUCH AGONY WAS REVOLTING.
WATCHING YOU KILL YOUR MEN WAS JUST AS DISGUSTING.
I WAS JUST... AFRAID, THAT'S ALL.
.....
I DIDN'T
KNOW THAT ANY OF THIS WOULD HAPPEN ...
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT I'D LOSE MY FRIENDS,
THAT I'D LOSE MY SON AND MY WIFE,
OR THAT I'D HAVE TO SUFFER THE PAIN OF HAVING MY FINGERS CHOPPED OFF.

I'M SORRY
BUT YOU'RE BETTING ON THE WRONG HORSE.
FOR-GIVE ME...
BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO HATE ANYMORE...
IF I HAD KNOWN THAT'S THE PRICE I'D HAVE TO PAY FOR FREE-DOM ..
I WOULD NOT HAVE PAID IT.
YOUR FATHER...
WAS A SMART MAN.
MANGA STREAM

EVEN THOUGH HIS DAUGHTER GOT KILLED AND THE SECURITY BUREAU DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER, HE STILL WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO FAWN OVER THEM.
HE TRIED HIS BEST TO THINK OF A WAY TO KEEP THE REST OF HIS FAMILY ALIVE.
AND STRUGGLED HARD TO KEEP YOU IN LINE.
BUT HIS SON LEARNED NOTHING.
AND LED HIS OWN SON AND WIFE STRAIGHT TO THE GATES OF HELL.
...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

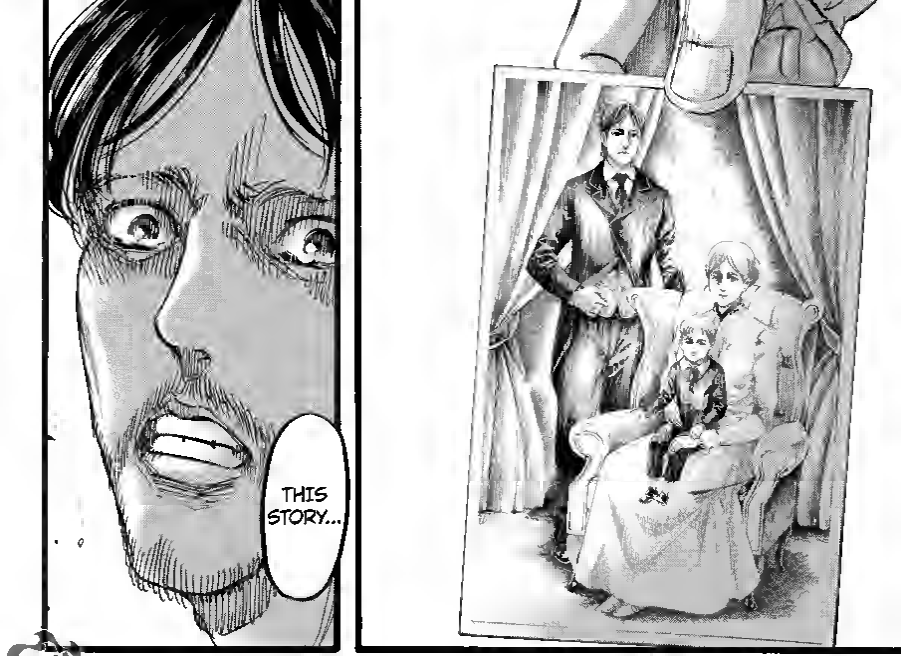
FIGHT.
STAND UP
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, GRISHA YEAGER,
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.
THERE'S STILL SOME INFORMATION I NEED TO TELL YOU.
THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE STARTED OFF WITH THAT.

I NEED YOU TO TAKE A VOW FIRST.
VOW THAT YOU WOULD RISK YOUR LIFE AND FIGHT YET AGAIN,
IN ORDER TO RESTORE ELDIA'S FREEDOM AND HONOR
IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SWEAR,
THEN STAND UP.
I'M ...
ALREADY
LOOK
I TOOK THIS FROM YOUR HOUSE.
!!

I CAN'T LOOK,
CAN'T STAND,
AND CAN'T FIGHT.
I CAN'T LOOK...
DON'T HAVE THE BALLS FOR IT,
DO YOU?
DID THE MARLEYANS CUT THOSE OFF, TOO?
IF YOU ARE TRYING TO MAKE ME REMEMBER MY HATRED, DON'T BOTHER. IT'S USELESS.
ALL I HAVE LEFT...
ARE MY SINS.

THOSE WILL DO.
I DIDN'T CHOOSE YOU FOR THIS MISSION BECAUSE YOU HATED MARLEY MORE THAN THE OTHERS
I CHOSE YOU BECAUSE ON THAT DAY, YOU WENT OUTSIDE THE WALLS.
IF YOU HADN'T BROUGHT YOUR SISTER ALONG AND LEFT THOSE WALLS THAT DAY,
YOU WOULD HAVE QUIETLY SUCCEEDED YOUR FATHER'S PRACTICE,
AND YOUR SISTER WOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO GROW UP AND MARRY BY NOW,
AND WOULD HAVE HAD CHILDREN OF HER OWN.
YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER MET DINA,
AND ZEKE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BORN.

BUT YOU LEFT THE WALLS.
AND STARTING FROM THE DAY YOU BROUGHT YOUR SISTER OUTSIDE THOSE WALLS,
STARTING FROM THE DAY I STARTED KICKING MY BRETHREN OFF TO THEIR DEATHS,
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY WE COULD POSSIBLY REPAY THAT DEBT.
WE SEEK FREEDOM, AND FOR THAT OUR COUNTRYMEN PAID A HEFTY PRICE.
WE'VE HAD TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD, AND WE WILL CONTINUE FORWARD UNTIL THE DAY WE REPENT FOR THOSE DEEDS.
EVEN IF WE DIE,
AND EVEN AFTER WE DIE.



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DO NOT MIRROR

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EACH ONE OF THE NINE TITANS HAVE THEIR OWN NAMES.
THE ONE I'M ABOUT TO GIVE YOU HAS A NAME, TOO.
THIS TITAN HAS ALWAYS CONTINUED TO PURSUE FREEDOM,
NO MATTER THE PLACE OR ERA.

HE HAS ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR THE SAKE OF FREEDOM.

AND HIS NAME IS,
THE ATTACKER TITAN.
A STORY THAT MUST NOT BE STOPPED.
CHAPTER 88 / END
T/N: IN THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE THIS NAME IS WRITTEN THE SAME AS THE TITLE OF THE MANGA WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY TRANSLATED AS "ATTACK ON TITAN"
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